

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration in view of the previous amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-6 are amended and new claim 7 is added.

The Examiner objects to the abstract and specification. The Abstract and specification are amended to address the Examiner's concerns.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph. The claims are amended to address the antecedent basis problems pointed out by the Examiner, where appropriate.

The Examiner indicates that the references to the two leaf door and the one leaf door and associated phraseology is confusing and indefinite. This assertion is respectfully traversed. Applicants note that claim 1 is directed to a device including a guiding element having at least two respective run up slopes for use with a one leaf or two leaf door for a cabinet. The recitation of the one leaf or two leaf door is intended use language describing an environment in which the device is used. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action summary the Examiner indicates that the drawings are objected to. Clarification of any objections to the drawing is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,039,364 to Rieger et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants' independent claim 1 is directed to a device for taking weight of a one leaf or two leaf door for a cabinet. The device includes a guiding element having

at least two respective run up slopes. In the case of a one leaf door, the device is arranged in a region on a free side edge and interacts with run-up edge on a profiled bar against which the door strikes in such a way that, during closing, the guiding element slides with a first run-up slope onto the run-up edge. In the case of a two leaf door, the device is arranged in a region of an upper side edge and in a vicinity of free side edges of each door leaf and during closing, slides with a second run-up slope onto a respective run up edge at least on an upper horizontally running profiled bar.

Such features encompass Applicants' exemplary embodiment as illustrated in Fig. 1 wherein the device includes a fastening side 21. Perpendicular to the fastening side are run up surfaces 22, 23 and 24 which are tapered in a direction away from the fastening surface 21. A sliding surface 25 is arranged perpendicular to the fastening surface 21 and the run up surfaces 22, 23, 24. With this arrangement the device can be used in either a one leaf or two leaf door cabinet arrangement to take the weight off the door by placing a portion of the weight on the door frame by inner action with an upper end edge of a holding block 13. This combination of features is not disclosed in the Rieger patent.

Instead, the Rieger patent discloses a switch cabinet having a centering piece 3 and a catching part 11 arranged on a door 1 or on a framework element 2. The centering piece 3 is designed as a positioning lug 4 with an upper centering bevel 5 and a lower centering bevel 6. The centering bevels 5 and 6 can slide along the edges of breakthrough section 13. The Rieger patent does not disclose two run-up slopes.

The dependent claims are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above as well as for the individual features they recite. For example, Applicants' dependent claim 3 recites that the guiding element has a sliding surface for a closing rod and a lug is formed on the sliding surface. Dependent claim 6 recites that the two run up surfaces are arranged to be substantially perpendicular to each other and tapered in a direction away from a fastening surface. These combination of features are not disclosed in the Rieger patent.

Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

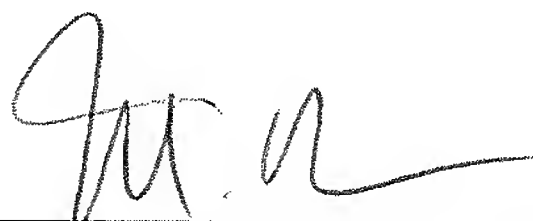
Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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